MINUTES

OF THE

MUSKINGUM

Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE FALLS OF LICKING CHURCH,

MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO.

August 21st, 22d, and 23d, 1874,

ZANESVILLE, OHIO:
NEWMAN & DODD PRINTERS, COURIER OFFICE, 133 MAIN ST.,
1874.

Post Office Address of Ministers.

John Crabtree, Fallsburg, Licking County, O.
Samuel Meridith, Linnville, Licking County, O.
John J. Vanhorne, Zanesville, O. Box 378.
John Parker, New Holland, Fayette County, O.
Alexander Teal, Glendale, Guernsey County, O.
James Janeway, McConnelsville, Morgan County, O.
E. Stephens, Florence, Boone County, Kentucky.
David G. Barker, Logan, Hocking County, O. Box 320.
Nelee Greenlee, Arbuckle, Mason County, W. Va.
Wootson Melton, Buffalo, Putnam County, W. Va.
Ephraim Barker, Gratiot, Licking County, O.
Peter Ogan, Cumberland, Guernsey County, O.
John A. Thompson, Lebanon, Warren County, O.
Wm. Butler, Clerk, West Zanesville, Muskingum County, O.
John Bolin, Licking Valley, Muskingum County, O.
John Prichard, St. Louisville, Licking County, O.
Daniel Scofield, New Salem, Fairfield County, O.
Abraham Stephens, West Zanesville, O.
John Croy, Elliott's Cross Roads, Morgan County, O.
Wm. Newlon, Portersville, Perry County, O.
Geo. Burley,* Hopewell, Muskingum County, O.
S. C. Stover, Hebron, Licking County, O.
J. P. Taylor, Hope, Franklin Co., Ohio.

* Licentiate.

DEATHS.

Reuben Skinner, died April 7th, 1874.
Thomas Harper, died June 13th, 1874.
Cephas McLlellnad, Died Aug. 9th, 1874.

Preaching on the Stand.

FRIDAY, P. M.—Elder L. Seitz, Eph., IV, 1, 2.
SATURDAY.—Elder J. P. Taylor, Rom., VIII, 33; Elder S. C. Stover, Isa. XXXII, 1-2; Elder D. G. Barker, 2d Tim., IV, 1-7.
SUNDAY.—Elder E. Barker, Eph., II, 8-9; Elder A. S. Shoemaker, 2d Cor., IV, 1-5.

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August 21st, 10 o'clock, A. M.—The introductory sermon was preached, according to appointment, by Elder JOHN CROY, from John, VI, 28–29.

The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted, as follows:

Churches & Messengers.	Ministers, and Time of holding Meetings.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total No.	Contributions
FALLS OF LICKING, *Muskingum Co.*—John Crabtree, Wm. H. Prior, W. Butler	John Croy 2d Lord's day, and Wm. Butler 4th Lord's day	3	1	.....	.....	.....	2	58	$6 25
HOPEWELL, *Perry Co.*—Alexander Melick, Evi Goble, John Forscythe	Daniel Scofield 1st Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	4 25
UNION, *Perry Co.*—Sam'l Buriff	S. C. Stover 4th Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	2 25
LANCASTER, *Fairfield Co* Jonas A. Fartig, J. M. Croy	Wm. Fisher 4th Lord's day	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	20	1 50
LEXINGTON, *Perry Co.*—Smith Wortman	John J. Van Horne 4th Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	34	3 00
TIMBER RUN, *Muskingum Co.*—Levi Davis, G. D. Burley, Robt. Bolin	David G. Barker and John Bolin 3d Lord's day alternately	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	24	3 35
BETHEL, *Noble Co.*—Jno. Russel, John Jourdan, Adam Jourdan	Ephraim Barker 1st Lord's day	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	29	3 75
BEULAH, *Muskingum Co.*—Geo. W. Gearhart, Stephen Francis, John C. Crown	John Pritchard 1st Lord's day	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36	3 63
UNIONTOWN, *Muskingum Co*—G. W. Moore, L. Richards	Wm. Newlon 2d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	2 00
YORK, *Morgan Co.*—David Black, Lazelier Burley	Wm. Newlon 3d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....
ZOAR, *Muskingum Co.*—Hiram Wells, David Woodruff	Wm. Fisher 2d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	1 50
MT. OLIVE, *Morgan Co.*—Milton Daugherty, C. M. Matthews	Lewis Kagy and John Croy 1st Lord's day, alternately	.....	.....	1	.....	2	2	19	1 41
SCOTTS CREEK, *Hocking Co.*—David G. Barker, Azariah Nixon, Albert Parker	David G. Barker 2d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	60	4 00

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GOSHEN, *Muskingum Co*—E B. Garret, Thomas Humphrey Joshua Crosier	John Pritchard 2d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	$2 00
HARMONY, *Perry Co.*	Not heard from as last yr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
ENON, *Guernsey County*—Isaac Beal	John J. Van Horne 3d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	1 00
PLEASANT HILL, *Licking Co*—John Bilby, Richard Meek, Jas. Holmes	Wm. Butler 1st Lord's day	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	54	6 25
JONATHAN'S CREEK, *Licking Co*—John Winegardner, Peter Gutridge Ephraim Barker	Daniel Scofield and E. Barker 4th Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	2 50
MONDAY CREEK, *Perry County*—Jehu Skinner, Washington Nye	Wm. Newlon 1st Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	18	1 50
LOST RUN, *Licking Co.*—John Pritchard, Elzey Dush, Joseph E. Stephens	John Pritchard 4th Lord day	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	3 00
FALLSBURG, *Licking Co*—John Frost, Wm. Painter	John Crabtree 3d Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	4 00
FRIENDSHIP, at Hog Run *Licking Co.*—Abner T. Jury, Alfred Beall, Simeon E. Rhodes	Benj. Lampton and S. C. Stover, 3d Lord's day	2	4	.....	.....	.....	2	43	3 00
FRIENDSHIP, near Lynville, *Licking Co.*—Samuel Meridith	Lewis Kagy 2d Lord's day	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	12	2 00
HARMONY, *Licking Co.*—J. P. Taylor	4th Lord's day	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1 00
Totals		13	8	1	4	5	21	678	$64 94

Adjourned until 1½ o'clock.

1½ o'clock, P. M.—Association met pursuant to adjournment.—Prayer by Elder E. Barker.

1st. The Messengers' names were called.

2d. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder John Pritchard, Moderator, and Wm. Butler Clerk.

3d. The Constitution and Articles of Faith were read.

4th. Committees were appointed as follows:—*Of Arrangement*—Geo. W. Moore, Samuel Buriff and James Holmes. *On Preaching*—The Messengers of Falls of Licking Church. *On Funds*—Alfred Beall, John Forscythe and Thomas Humphrey. *On Visitation Meetings*—Albert Parker, Geo. D. Burley, and John Winegardner.

5th. Churches wishing to unite with this Association were called for, whereupon the Church called Harmony, Licking County, presented a letter and was unanimously received.

6th. Correspondence from sister Associations called for and presented as follows:

Miami—By minutes.

Scioto—By Elder S. C. Stover and minutes.

Sandusky—By Elder L. Seitz and minutes.

Pocotalico—By minutes.

Owl Creek, Harmony—By Elder A. S. Shoemaker and minutes.

7th. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

8th. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami—Elders D. G. Barker and W. Butler.

Scioto—Elder E. Barker.

Sandusky—Elder J. Pritchard.

Pocotalico—By minutes.

Owl Creek, Harmony—Elder J. Bolin, this year and next.

9th. The Circular letter written by Elder D. G. Barker, was called for, read and referred to the Committee of Arrangement.

10th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Moderator.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22d, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder D. G. Barker.

1st. The Messengers' names were called.

2d. The Committee of Arrangements reported the minutes of last year as the order of business. The report was adopted,

3d. No Corresponding letter having been prepared, the Clerk was appointed to write said letter and insert it in the minutes.

4th. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders J. P. Taylor, S. C. Stover, D. G. Barker and J. Janeway for to-day. The report was adopted.

5th. The Circular letter was adopted.

6th. The Committee on Visitation Meetings reported.

Falls of Licking—5th Lord's day in January, at Baxter's, Elders E. Barker and Pritchard.

Hopewell—4th Lord's day in September, Elder Crabtree.

Union—4th Lord's day in May, Elders Crabtree and Pritchard.

Lexington—2d Lord's day in May, Elders Crabtree and Pritchard.

Timber Run—3d Lord's day in May, Elders Pritchard and Butler.

Bethel—5th Lord's day in November, Elder D. G. Barker.

Beulah—1st Lord's day in June, Elders Hite and Pritchard.

Uniontown—5th Lord's day in November, Elders E. Barker and Newlon.

York—2d Lord's day in May, Elders Van Horne and Crabtree.

Zoar—2d Lord's day in October, Elder S. C Stover.

Scott's Creek—2d Lord's day in October, Elder D.Scofield.

Goshen—2d Lord's day in October, Elder A. S. Shoemaker.

Enon—3d Lord's day in January, Elders Stover and Van Horne.

Pleasant Hill—5th Lord's day in May, Elders Stover and Van Horne.

Lost Run—4th Lord's day in May, Elders Stover and D. G. Barker.

Fallsburg—5th Lord's day in November, Elders Pritchard and Burley.

All the above meetings to commence on Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock A. M. The report was adopted.

7th. Elder J. Prichard to write the Circular letter and Bro. G. D. Burley the Corresponding letter for next year.

8th. The next Association to be held with the Jonathan's Creek Church, on the National Road, 12 miles West of Zanesville, to commence on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in August, 1875, at 10 o clock, A. M. Elder John Pritchard to preach the introductory sermon. In case of failure, Elder D. G. Barker.

9th. The Committee on Funds reported $64.94, appropriated as follows: Minutes and Book, $20.00; Clerk, $5.00. Correspondence: Miami, $18.00; Scioto, $8.94; Sandusky, $13.00. The report was adopted.

10th. The Committee on Preaching reported Elders Shoemaker, E. Barker and Prichard for to-morrow. The report was adopted.

11th. Adjourned to time and place above written.

Prayer by the Clerk.

JOHN PRICHARD, Moderator.

W. Butler, Clerk.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, Sendeth Christian Salutation:

Very Dear Brethren in Christ.—Another year is numbered with the past, and many of our aged Counsellors have been removed to the Great Assembly above, but we trust the Lord has not left us alone. We have had a very pleasant and harmonious meeting, both in business and in our intercourse with you through your Messengers. They came, (those that did come,) freighted with the good things of the Kingdom. We have truly had a refreshing season, and have been once more permitted to prove how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. We sincerely hope and pray that the Lord will continue to preserve and keep us in unity, and that he will permit nothing to interfere with our Christian intercourse. Our minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association, when we hope again to meet you.—Farewell.

Circular Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association, held with the Falls of Licking Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, August 21st, 22d and 23d, A. D. 1874.

To the Churches of which she is composed, sendeth Christian love:

Dear Brethren in Christ:—The kind hand of God has brought us through the storms and trials of another year, to greet each other, in an associated capacity, while some of our dear brethren and sisters that last met with us, have been called away by the hand of Death, to associate with us no more on earth, which admonishes us that this world is not our home.

As a foundation for a few thoughts, we will call your attention to the 2d Chap. of Col., and 6th verse: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." The Apostle is here addressing the followers of Christ, and this precious admonition comes to us through the inspiration of God, the Apostle knowing the frailty of our corrupt natures to depart from the living God, he has given us this exhortation. For we, like our brethren that composed the Church at Col., were by nature, children of wrath even as others. Satan having power over our hearts, blinded by the God of this world, in this state of darkness, we did not desire the Savior to reign over us, but felt secure in the paths of sin and death. Oh! what a dreadful *without* to be without *hope* and without *God* in the world. But those that have received Christ Jesus the Lord, are not without hope, for *He* is our *hope.*

But let us consider the subject, to receive Christ Jesus the Lord. This cannot be without the spirit of God. We must be born of the spirit. Our fleshly birth had nothing to do with framing this earthly government in which we live. Our fathers had framed it before we were born, and it is our duty to yield obedience to the earthly governments under which we live; so when we were born again of the spirit of God, our birth did not frame a government, but brought us into and under the Government of Christ, and this great work of regeneration is brought about alone by the power of the Spirit of God. Sending this spirit into our hearts, which causes us to know the great distance that Sin had separated us from Him, and indeed we felt, so great was the separation, that reconciliation could never come. But how sweetly did His grace lead us to Christ? When we receive a kingdom which cannot be moved, the King himself takes his seat upon the throne of the heart; for the Savior says, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." He puts His laws into our minds and writes them in our hearts. We truly felt the force of the Apostle's language: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away, and behold all things have become

new." But alas! How very soon did we learn, though we have received Christ and His love, that we are yet in the flesh, subject to temptations, trials and afflictions, and much we need the exhortation, as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, to so *walk* in Him.

When we received Him, we received Him as our Judge, our Law-Giver, and our King. It is our duty to deny ourselves, take up our Cross and follow Him; yielding obedience to all His sacred laws; to search his statutes, to learn what our King requires of us as His subjects, and then to walk by those rules; if we do not we shall be rebels to His Government. Let us be patient, for soon our King will come, to take us home to His kingdom above. Farewell.